

**Robert Dinwiddie to George Washington, April 7, 1757,
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FROM GOVERNOR DINWIDDIE.

WILLIAMSBURG Apr. 7th. 1757

SIR

I recd: Yours of the 2d: last Night & must refer You to mine of the 5th: which I sent You by Express, & doubt not You will receive at Fort Loudoun;¹— The pressing Letter from Govr. Lyttleton makes it absolutely necessary to send 200 of our Regmt. to his Assistance; & I must therefore repeat my Orders for their marchg. to Fredricksburg, & I hope they will be there by the 20th: of this Month & I am endeavouring to hire Vessells for transporting them to So. Carolina & refer You to my Letter by Express—I shall be glad if You can send three Tons of lead Ball to go with them, I shall send 100 bls Powder from this.

Mr. Sharpe told me he had wrote by You to Capt. Dagworthy to march his Men to take Possession of Fort Cumberland when You withdrew Your Forces from thence, & I was in hopes it wou'd have been immediately done—No Doubt You shd. bring all the Stores belonging to the County from thence, as well as the Indian Goods, and take particular Acct. of the Provisions that they may be replac'd at Fort Loudoun agreeable to Mr. Sharpe's Promise.

I am fully of Opinion that we comply with the Regulation made by Lord Loudoun in the Disposal of our Forces, therefore they are to be at Fort Loudoun for that Disposition—The

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Indians must be taken care of, those that went from this were supplied with Shirts Blankets & Legins; I hope You can supply them with some & what may be deficient, with Provisions &c. must be taken Care for when You come here—I think if You are here by the 22d. of the Mo. will do, in the mean Time order them out in Parties with some of Your Men a Scalping &c.

I leave it to You to dispose of the Troops, after the 200 Men are sent to Fredricksburg, as You shall think most proper till I see You here;—I am very sensible we have too few Men on our Frontiers, but hope the Assembly will resolve to increase our Numbers by a generous Vote.

I wonder Govr. Sharpe shou'd hesitate in sending Capt. Dagworthy with his Men to Fort Cumberland, when he knew You had positive Orders to withdraw our Troops on his Arrival at that Place, & Delays my now prove of bad Consequence.

I have been very much indispos'd ever since arrival here that I can write no more at present, but remain

Sir Your hble Servant ROBT. DINWIDDIE.

¹ This letter of the 5th had miscarried, and Washington had not received it when he wrote his letter of the 2d.